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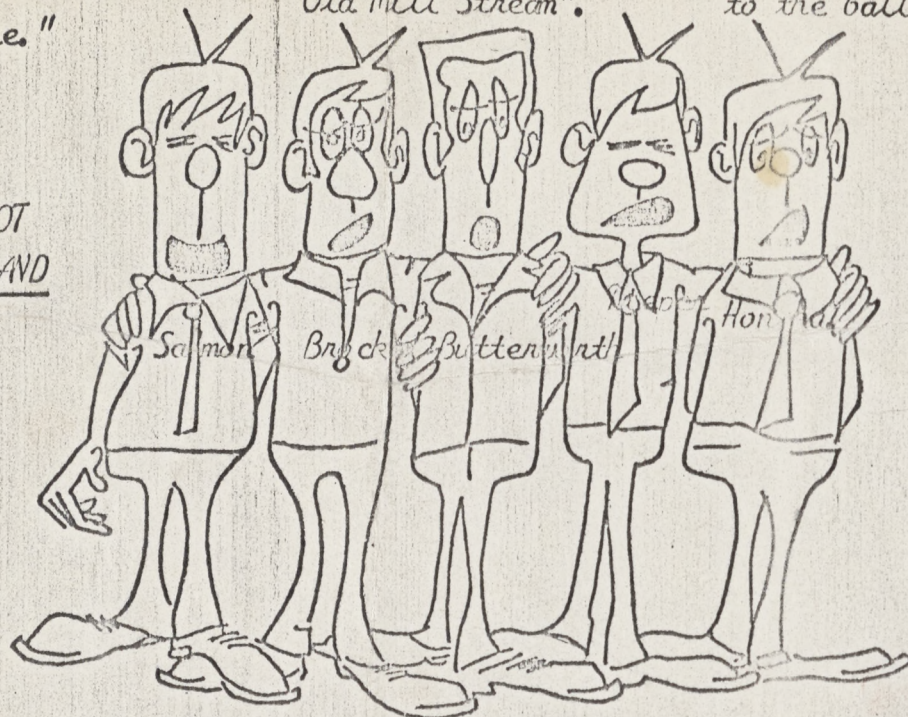
MARCH 31, 1972

"Sweet Adeline"
My Adeline."

"Down By The
Old Mill Stream".

"Take me out
to the ball game"

PLUS "WE GOT
A 3 MAN BAND



TO DANCE
TILL ABOUT
1:30 A.M.

"We may not all sing the same tune, but we know the score.
It's a retirement party for Salmon, V. Brockell, G. Butterworth,
B. Pieper & Ted Honka.

Peluso's Sunol Valley
Golf Club.

Friday March 31, Cocktail hour 06:30 P.M.

1972

Eats? Yes.

Select Prime Rib of Beef. on

For two \$14.50

Choice New York Steak

"We also need \$ 500 for gifts. A night in the hills
with friends, and all for just \$ 19.50 per pair. Plus
what Booze you can't get your cheap friends to buy for
you.

Contact. 1 st. shift. E. Gable. or Ray Buttacavoli.

2nd. shift. H. Ross

3 rd. shift.

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REID BAILEY, far right, retires from GM after 26 years. Wishing him well are Hard Trim Superintendent, Larry Tibbitts, and fellow Hard Trimmer, Tony Alarid. Reid received some nice gifts from his friends and a cake to share with everyone. He plans to remain in the area, Hayward, and eventually do a little traveling & possibly assist with the Little League in some capacity.



Reid isn't a war memorabilia collector in the usual sense. He saw a lot of action during WWII with the 9th Field Artillery, 3rd Infantry Division, Communications Section. He was with the troops on the first

landing in Africa and later during the first landing in Europe. He was heavily decorated by the French Government, and received the U. S. Unit Citation, Silver Star, Purple Heart (in Italy), American Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Eastern Campaign medal with bronze arrow, European African Campaign medal, and others. He was in Casablanca, Africa, in 1942, Licata, Sicily, 1943, Anzio & Salerno, Italy, 1943 & 1944, Riviera, France, 1944, and Germany 1945, with his last stop at Berchtesgaden.

Included in his German souvenirs are a flag from the coliseum in Munich, signed by all of his buddies in the Communications Section, a Luger, an aviators helmet, an SS dagger and an Air Force dress dagger.

VASCONCELOS RETIRES

TOURING BRAZIL

MAY 1975



Mandio Vasconcelos, from Department 40, has retired after 25 years with GM. He has returned to his native Brazil for a one year tour before returning for a grand tour of the U. S. A. Before leaving for Brazil, Mandio was presented a fishing reel by his GM friends. He says the reel and several cameras will be put to good use while on a slow cruise down the Amazon River as part of his Brazilian tour. Mandio is also a member of the Employee Camera Club.



Plant Patrolmen , Wilbur Ward, Lyle Beard-sley, Hank Majeska, and Bob Jacobs, retire together. The retirement party for these men was both outstanding and unforgettable, as are the men who are leaving.



1977

Francisco Sanchez, a Millwright in Department 40, has been taking tender loving care of his corn crop this summer. Two years ago, Sanchez was given some sweet-white corn seed from Sonora, Mexico. Last year's crop from that seed was good but not remarkable. But this year, seed saved from last year's crop grew and grew and grew, until Sanchez will need a fruit pickers ladder to harvest the giant ears. Most of his crop stands twice his height and each stock holds an average of four Goliath size ears. If you don't believe all of this tall story, just check the August 20, issue of the Scott's Valley Banner. Their photo looks like a family beneath some tall trees.

August 26, 1980

Feb 1973

RETIREE WILLIAM MEARS GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Mears Really Enjoying the Celebration. Look at the smiles on their faces!



ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE MEARS FAMILY
Sons William, Stanley and George work
at G. M. A. D., Fremont.

Retirees Since July 1971

By **BUSTER BELLOMO**
Retirement Chairman, GMAD

At the request of the retirees we will list the names of the brothers who have retired from the Fremont plant. Many more will retire this year so we will try to publish a list every month.

If any retiree has a question on the new agreement and are at the plant request from management the opportunity to see the pension committeeman.

Anyone who plans to retire should make application at least eight weeks prior to date of retirement.

July 1, 1971

E. Osburn
W. White
H. Freudenthaler

August 1, 1971

T. Souza
L. Pallon
K. Avery

October 1, 1971

F. Decambra
E. Staham
F. Arkdra
G. Finch
H. Larsen
G. Mussi
W. Weber
G. Ford
R. Jenson
J. Costa
J. Arakelian
B. Shapero
R. Contorno
C. Lobush
F. Luke
M. Salsedo
T. Souza
B. Campbell
W. Mallett
J. Arieta
A. Stevens
T. Iverson
W. Perez

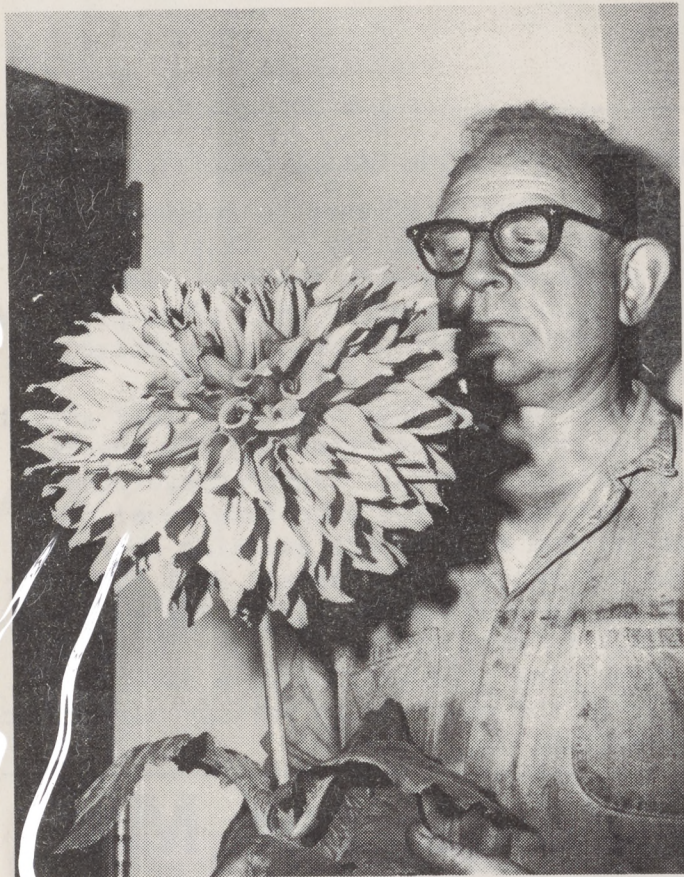
January 1, 1972

J. Gomez
J. Perry
A. Larsen
R. Brookens
E. Barrett
R. Herleman
E. Summers
F. Faria
O. Nielsen
L. Guerino

February 1, 1972

W. Martin
M. Costa
C. Mazzanti
J. Scatina

A Dahlia for Christmas

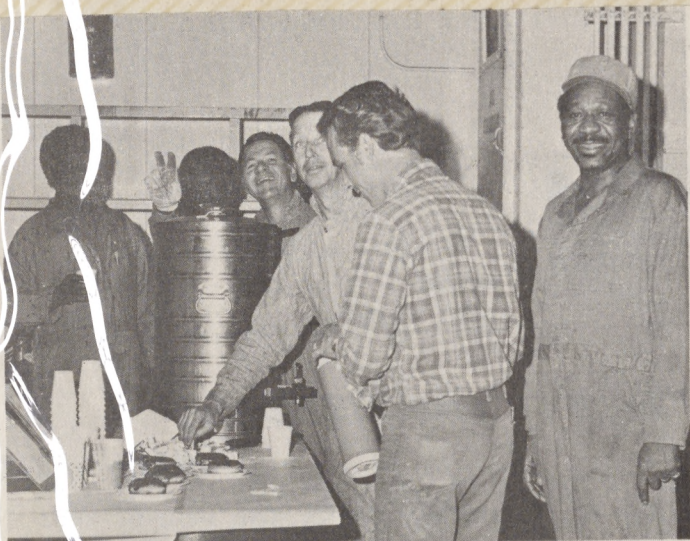


OSCAR ROBUCK, THE DAHLIA KING. Dec 1978

Oscar Robuck, a Maintenance Department Millwright, grows dahlias for Christmas, yet he has the nerve to insist his thumb is not green. Robuck is a volunteer gardener for the San Leandro Casa Peralta gardens. The dahlia gardens, which he maintains twice a week on his way home from work, have the only year-around dahlias in bloom. Robuck considers the San Leandro climate ideal for growing this flower and has between 30 and 40 varieties planted in a full spectrum of color. In November, he carefully digs the dahlia roots, separates and stores them in sawdust until April or May in preparation for another planting.

The dahlia plant is native to Mexico and was taken to Europe and hybridized many years ago. Since 1830, English records list more than 30,000 varieties developed. According to Robuck, the original flowers had either a single or double row of petals with an open center. Plant growers today, including Robuck, grow dahlias up to 17" in diameter, in all colors except blue.

Robuck has been president of the San Leandro Dahlia Society for four years. A member of the society recently named a red dahlia variety "Rita Robuck", for his wife and a large white variety, "Myrtle Robuck", for his mother.

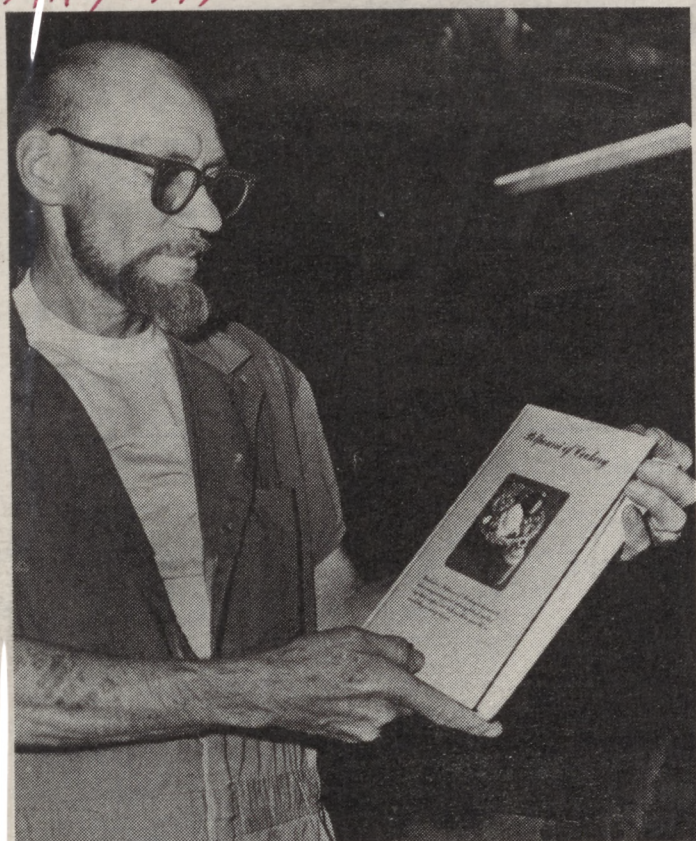


Employees in 15-01 enjoy a cake and coffee celebration when notified they are #1 among "A" car plants in the prevention of water leaks. Water leaks are a major problem area in all vehicles. The Body Shop and Trim Departments shared in this achievement. Congratulations to everyone involved.

SCHLITT & MONIZ — earn degrees



MAY 1977 Master Baker



If you were to bet that a man with the nickname of "The Kentucky Cowboy" isn't likely to be a winner in the Pillsbury baking contest, you would lose. His real name is Dan Westerfield and while not working on a new recipe, he is a sprayer in the Passenger Paint Department. Westerfield is a third place winner in the "Pillsbury Bake Off" and a second place winner in the "Treasured Recipes Contest", which printed his entry (below) in the "Potpourri of Cookery" cook book and paid him \$200 for his entry. Westerfield says the cake is called "fake" walnut loaf cake because there are no walnuts in it but it has a walnut flavor. He baked and modified this recipe about 30 times prior to entering the contest. It is reprinted here for your enjoyment.

1 C Sugar
1½ C Flour
¼ tsp. Salt
1 tsp. Baking Soda
1 Tbsp. White Vinegar
1 Tbsp. Maple Extract
1/3 C. Oil (butter flavored)
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 C cold water

Sift all dry ingredients together. Add all liquids & mix, blending with a fork. Mix with a beater at high speed, 2-3 min. Grease pan. After batter is mixed, flour pan & empty excess flour. Pour in batter but do not tap cake batter.

Bake at 350° for 45 - 50 minutes. Test with a straw.

Retiree Bumper Crop!



Jan 1977

December, 1976, proved to be the bumper month of all time for GMAD - Fremont employees to retire. In all, nineteen picked the road to leisure. Just before the holidays, the retirees were guests of honor at an early morning breakfast. Our best wishes to all, from the left: Harold Perry 50-04-1, Frank Carriera 70-08-1, Earl Apalakis 50-17-1, Herman Luna 15-07-1, Roque Alvarez 19-15-1, Ronald Bray 17-1-1, Bernardino Silva 70-08-1, John Colunga 25-15-1, Katsumi "Freddie" Tsujimoto 16-01-1, Frank Porter 15-03-1, Edward Silva 28-17-1, Andrew Alves 15-04-1, Thomas McClain 55-12-1, Carl A. Swanson 40-05-1, Joe Cuenca 29-29-1, Demery Cassity 40-04-1, John Joskovic 55-12-1, and Adam Anuskiewitz 11-13-1. Also present but missing from the group picture is Thomas Spores 55-01-1, upper left - box insert.

Bill Mears Is U.S. Fork Lift Champ



BILL MEARS

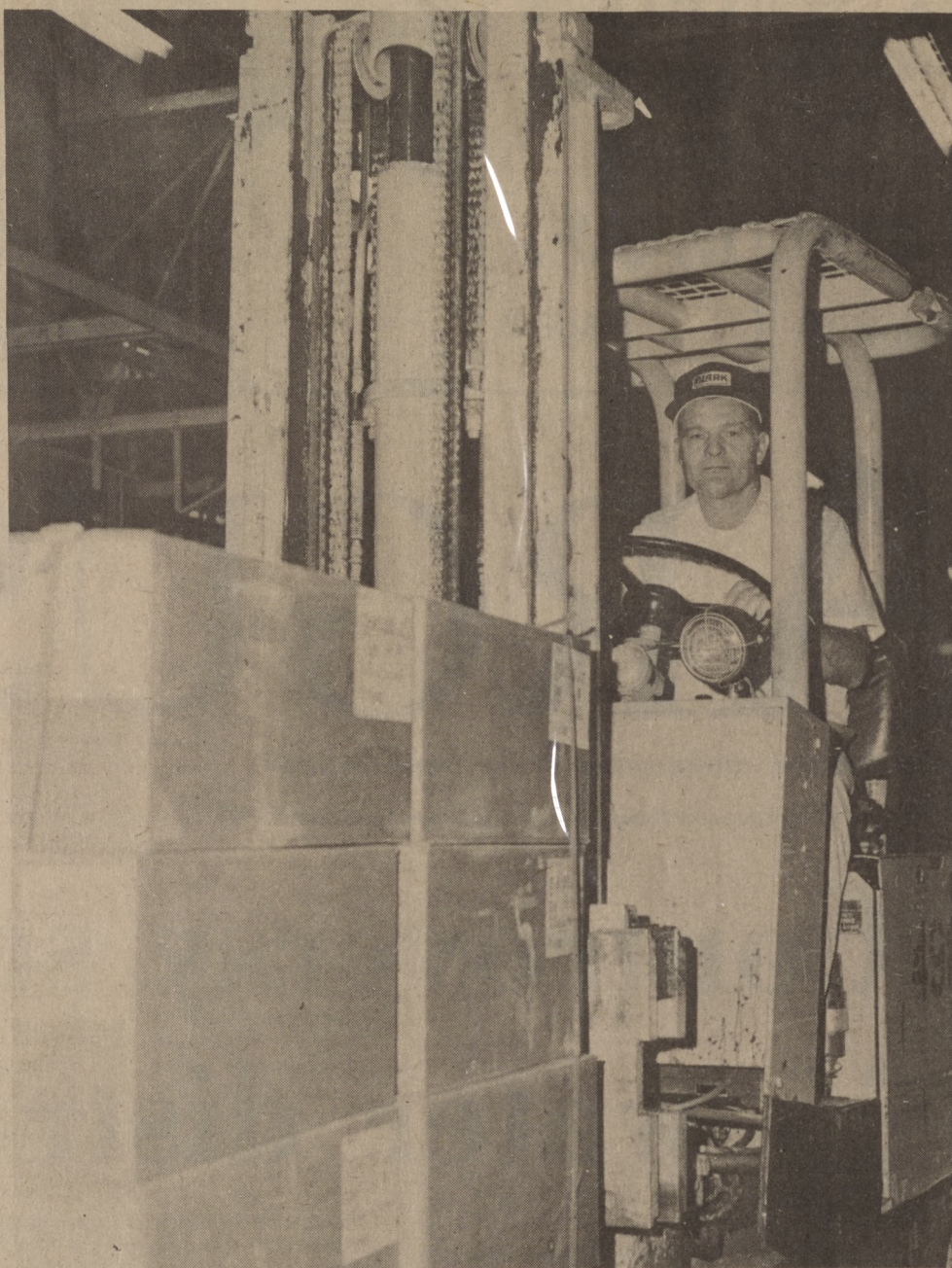
Nov 1979

Bill Mears, No. 17414, Dept. 50-06 won first prize of \$5,000 for the No. 1 Fork Lift Driver in the U.S. and Canada.

The contest was sponsored by the Clark Equipment Co. in New Orleans October 27, 1979. There were 49 contestants.

In order for Brother Mears to qualify, he came in first in the Bay Area Regionals. He beat out 41 contestants and won a free trip to the finals in New Orleans.

All of us congratulate him.



AP Laserphoto

Nov 3, 1979

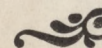
Takes first prize

Bill Mears is a forklift phenomenon, recently winning \$5,000 and first prize in a national forklift competition in New Orleans, the "Clark Decathelón." Earlier, Mears had won a regional

contest in Oakland sponsored by General Motors, which paid for his trip to Louisiana. A Fremont resident, Mears works in the GM plant here, driving — that's right — a forklift.

Retirement celebrations are in order today for: Lloyd Macedo, Dept. 11, John Gomes, Dept. 40, John Wilkerson, Dept. 70, Howard Strong, Dept. 17, Afton Pitts, Dept. 40, Jessie Stevens, Dept. 40, J. J. Carvajal, Dept. 55, B. A. Christian, Dept. 30, and Leland W. Doran, Dept. 40. Our best wishes to all for a great retirement.

FEB 29, 1980



Mears Nation's Best



Bill Mears, with his check for \$5,000 and trophy, after winning the forklift competition.

Forklift drivers get a lift from competition. Bill Mears, a forklift driver in Department 50, qualified for the national championships by winning the regional contest in Oakland on October 7.

Representatives from 49 states competed for the grand prize, after winning their state's competition. The championship was sponsored by the Clark Equipment Company in New Orleans on October 27.

Mears has either been driving or supervising truck drivers during his 28 years with GM. His diligence paid off, because at the conclusion of the contest, Mears was the National Champion, and awarded first prize of \$5,000 and a trophy.



When he was 16, Bill Mears drove a forklift truck to unload tuna from boats at a California cannery. Today, the materials handling veteran at the GM Assembly Division Fremont (Calif.) Plant is a national champion of power truck operators.

Mears outscored representatives from 49 states to win \$5,000 in a contest sponsored by Clark Equipment Company, builder of power truck equipment. The competition consisted of 10 events testing forklift agility, but the big emphasis was upon safety, says Mears. "It was amazing how many operators, after front-lifting their load, didn't keep looking backward fulltime while moving their load to the rear," he said.

Mears has been driving forklifts or supervising power lift operators nearly all of his 31-year GM career and is proud of the role they play in GM. "There are few parts or materials that aren't at some time moved by the thousands of GM forklift operators," he says.

Off the job, he drives an AAA tow truck several nights a week, and rides one of his three motorcycles. He hopes to defend his power truck title next fall.

BILL MEARS NATIONAL CHAMPION

October 29, 1979

Bill Mears, from the Material Department - Passenger Motor line, returned home from New Orleans last night a national hero. As winner of the regional Clark Fork Lift Driving Decathlon held early this month, Bill Mears went on to New Orleans for the national finals. When the dust had cleared from the 49 contender's events, Mears walked away with top honors for the "best driver in the country". During the competition, each driver was scored in ten different events with a maximum of ten points awarded for each event. During the main event competition, Mears scored 99 out of a possible 100 points. The top ten competitors had a 60 point run-off event in which he made a perfect 60 point score. Mears came home with more than these fantastic scores. He walked in the door this morning waiving a check for \$5,000 and a beautiful trophy in hand. What more can we say but "welcome back Bill."

Golf Club Awards



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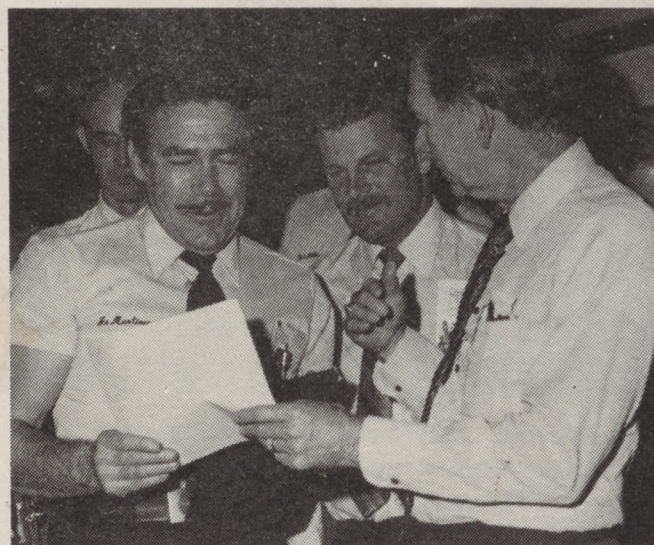
Brian Rudy, Chairman, winner of the club championship; Brad Allen, President and winner of the first flight; John Matthews, winner of the second flight; Fran Watkins, jr., winner of the third flight; Dudley Chapman, winner of the fourth flight; Mike Mulleague, Vice President.

SERVICE AWARD FOR REYNOLDS



What a heck of a way to spend your 25th anniversary with GM, HUGH REYNOLDS. Even though Hugh was in Eden Hospital in Castro Valley at the time this picture was taken, and still a little under the weather, Bob Weatherly, General Superintendent of Passenger, was on hand to be sure Hugh's service recognition award was properly presented. We are all wishing you a speedy recovery Hugh.

Manager's Award



At the end of 1979, Plant Manager Ken Brooks presented the Manager's Quality Achievement Award to Jr. Martinez, General Supervisor in Plant Maintenance. Martinez received the award on behalf of all Maintenance personnel under his supervision servicing Truck Production.

Hats off to Eck



Al Eck, Department 40, received a GM Fire Fighters Award from Bob Gonsalves, Lt. Plant Security, following a luncheon held in his honor on August 16, 1979.

One day during the preceding week, Eck was sitting in a canteen area when he spotted foot-high flames coming from a nearby production material basket. Eck knew the location of the nearest fire alarm box and wasted no time in setting off an alarm. His alertness and quick response kept material damage to a minimum and eliminated potential danger to personnel.

His invention could pan out

By PAT CRAIG

6-9-80

FREMONT — Barechested, Robert Legg sits at his kitchen table and toys with a small plastic jar.

"Gold," he says, shaking the jar to make the little nuggets rattle. "That's only a little bit in here, but one time, I took an ounce out in only an hour."

And with gold going for more almost \$600 an ounce, that ain't too bad for an hour's work.

Legg grins and leans back in the chair. As he talks, he keeps looking at the gold, and pushes the little jar around the table with his index finger.

"I've did all kinds of huntin' gold," says Legg, letting a little grin cross his face. "But workin' with a regular pan is too hard a'work. You could use a regular pan for 10 hours, and I'd come up with twice as much with my pan in just a couple hours — you could check a whole area in just a couple hours."

The thin, wiry man stands up and walks across the kitchen to a counter, where he picks up the new-style gold pan he's invented (and patented, by the way).

The "Quik Pan," made of cast aluminium, looks like a regular pan, only it has a hole in the bottom, with a chute attached to it. Inside the chute is a ladder type device.

What it does, according to Legg, is take most of the work out of gold panning.

You don't have to slosh a bunch of dirt around with a Quik Pan.

"The water does all the work, you just let it flow through," Legg says. "And, this here catches the gold, because it's heavier."

He flips up the little ladder, demonstrating how you remove the trapped gold from the pan.

It's the lazy man's way to riches.

For Legg, though, paydirt may come in selling his invention — he's distributing it himself, for \$49.95, plus \$2 shipping and \$3.25 sales tax. (If you want one, you can write him at P.O. Box 4132, Fremont, 94538).

"This is the first thing I ever invented," says Legg, setting his pan down beside the jar of gold. "So, I figure I'll distribute it myself — I've already got about 20 orders. I get it made in Hayward.

"Maybe I'll give it to a distributor later on, but I want to try selling it myself for the next couple of years."

Legg's pan seems tremendously simple — one of those things you see and wonder why you didn't invent it yourself.

But it's too late now — with his patent, he's got exclusive rights to the pan plan.

"If anyone makes one with one of these here," he says, running his hand over the chute, "then I can sue em."

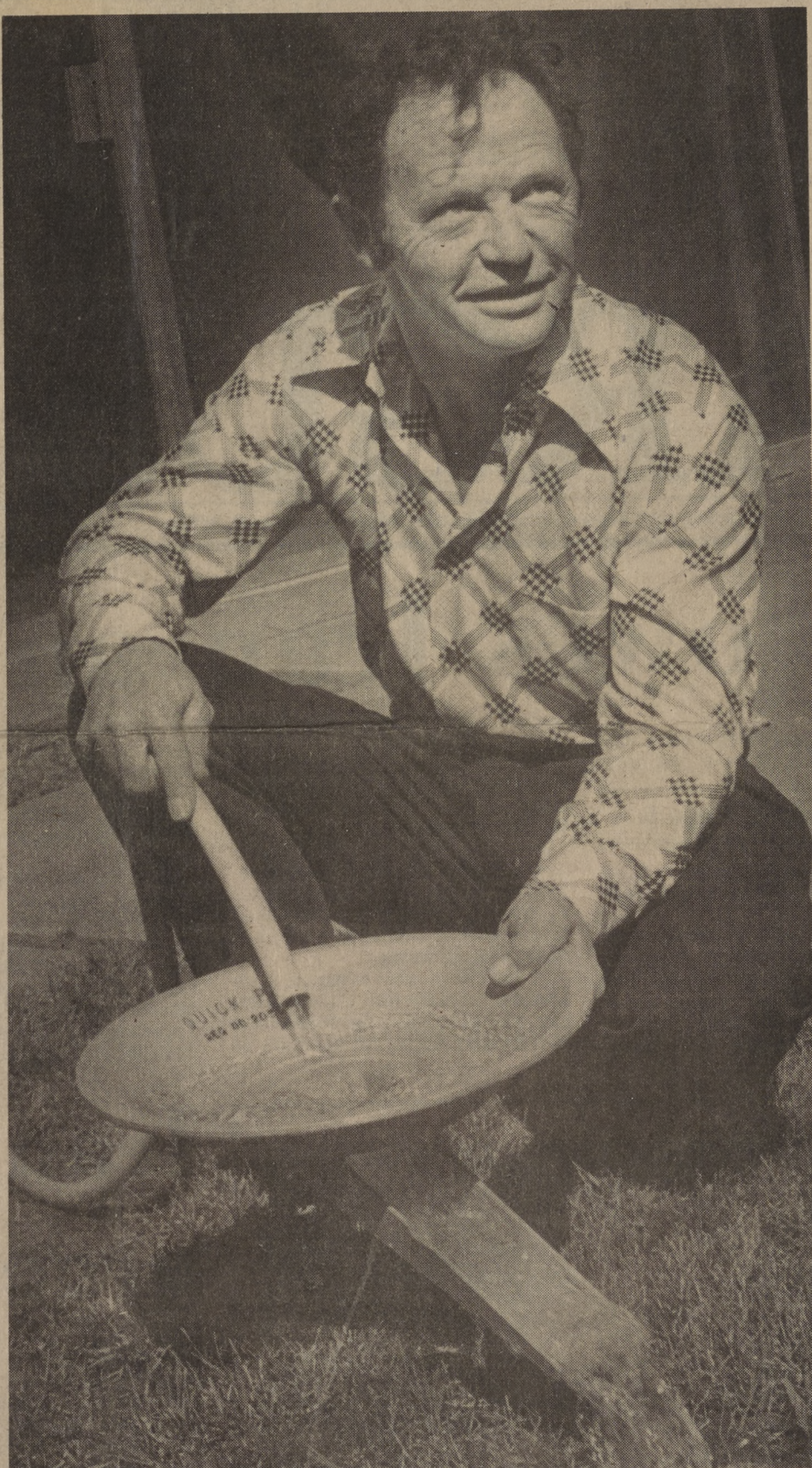
The Alabama native admits, though, that he's a bit surprised nobody thought of the idea before.

"I just started thinkin' about it and came up with this idea," he says with a smile.

Although he believes in his pan, Legg isn't planning on quitting his electrician's job at the Fremont General Motors Plant to head for the hills.

Prospecting will continue to be a hobby.

"Oh, I'll probably go up there this summer," he says, "But I don't got the fever to do it all the time."



Robert Legg of Fremont demonstrates 'Quik Pan,' his invention to take much of the work out of panning for gold. (Photo by Jay Solmonson)

FISH TALE —

1978
It Didn't Get Away!



Bill Oliver, with his nephew and son display their 530# black marlin caught off the island Hilo, Hawaii.

Little did they realize when they started out in the morning of June 14 that this day would develop into a "fish story" day. Bill Oliver (Dept. 40 - 2nd shift), his son Floyd and nephew Albert Medeiros launched their 18' skiff early in the morning and headed out about 2 miles from Kona Inn, off the island of Hilo in Hawaii.

Using different color rubber bands on red and blue jigs, they put four lines in the water waiting for the "big one" to

hit. With approximately 200' of line out, it wasn't long before they noticed that two lines had bent, then suddenly a third. The third hit was a good one and Bill proceeded to crank the reel as hard as he could. He alternated giving the rod to the other fishermen, in order to maintain pressure on the fish. Suddenly when the fish was 50' from the boat, it came up out the water in a picturesque climb and drop. Then they realized, they had to land this fish. On one of the drops when Floyd was working, the fish broke the brake on the reel. When this happened, it now became a game of pulling the fish in by hand. The hook had been sunk through the mouth, leaving no chance for it to escape. When the fish was alongside the boat, Bill grabbed his gaff and hooked the fish and then Floyd used the bat, ending 45 minutes of play.

This prize black marlin, weighing in at 530#, was sold to local suppliers. In addition, during this same day, they caught two yellow fin tunas, weighing in at 226# and 238#; that were also sold. Having all this fun and making expenses too, makes for a pleasant fishing trip. Not only is Bill a good fisherman, but he enjoys catching wild boar. How does he catch them? "With my bare hands."



Bob Gonsalves, far left, Lieutenant- Plant Security, is in charge of plant fire protection. He is joined by his Fire Patrol Officers and Fire Maintenance Personnel, from the left: Jim Pierce, Jack Burke, Clarence Pestana, and Ray Davis. The plant mobile fire equipment is in the background.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By WILLIE MAYS



Dec 1981



Wisemans celebrate silver anniversary

1979

Dorothy and Lester Wiseman were presented a silver tea set and platter for their 25th wedding anniversary at a party given by their four daughters.

Mrs. Wiseman, formerly Dorothy Cosgrove, and Wiseman were married on Oct. 9, 1954, in Reno. They have lived in Newark 11 years.

She is the president of the Foster Parents Organization of Alameda County. They've been

emergency foster parents for more than 10 years.

Their children are Velda Hayter, Vickie Hayter, Valerie Wiseman and Veida Wiseman. They also have one grandchild, Rachel Hayter.

Wiseman has worked as a security guard at General Motors for 23 years.

The Wisemans also celebrated their anniversary with a trip to Hawaii.

Skilled Trades - on the ball

7-25-79



The team of Don Phillips, Larry Rainey, and Bob Bell took first place honors in the recently concluded eight team, Skilled Trades Winter Bowling League.



High handicap game (268) was a tie between Roger Bilodeau (left) and Bill Leach (right). Bill Robertson was the leagues most improved player.

Without a spot ⁷⁻²⁸⁻⁹⁹



Arnett "Bird" Johnson, Material Department Stockman, is well known to most employees on the plant's second floor. He is immediately recognized by his outfit which consists of immaculate western or mod garb. Johnson had been with GM since 1952, working in the Material Department's passenger departments since GMAD — Fremont started production in 1963.

It amazed everyone how this man can remain neat and clean while working hard at moving stock all day. However, an observer watching Johnson at work is soon impressed by a remarkable example of efficiency. He says most of his work is done with his head, planning his area and selecting the best means to handle it. His area, covering a large portion of the passenger cushion room, has the reputation for being one of the cleanest in the plant. Johnson gives safety and good housekeeping top billing in his work philosophy. By keeping his area clean and organized, no time is wasted looking for parts or moving empty baskets and racks needlessly. His reward, ... the satisfaction of having done a good job while keeping himself spotless.

Johnson, who has many outfits in his wardrobe, says he would like to become a tailor after retirement. He was tagged with the nickname "Bird" years ago by another material department employee who noticed his slim lined slacks gave him the appearance of a long-legged bird.

Retiree Corner

MAY
1977



Retiree, Al Jelusich, dropped by recently. He was driving his 1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass station wagon. He is very proud of his car which has now logged 81,000 miles, all virtually trouble free. Al replaced one power steering hose, the A/C fan belt and had the rear drum brakes relined at 67,000. The rest is original. Al says his front disc brakes are still good for at least another 81,000.

days, as for most.

"The private plane of the deposed Shah of Iran contains a solid gold toilet." All jokes about royal flushes cheerfully rejected ... Via UPI from Fremont, 'cross the Bay: "Ernie Ornellas of San Leandro was honored Thursday for his 50 years of service as a welder for General Motors, never missing a day of work for 23 years. He was given a clock, a diamond stickpin and two weeks use of a car." An entire two weeks! But not a 1960 Corvair, one hopes (tell 'em where to stick that pin, Ern'). Gary Blake worries that Nashville is trying to out-San Francisco us after reading in the Feb. issue of

Three die in crash

Three men died Friday in a head-on collision on Pleasant Valley Road, 300 feet east of Kearnes Road, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Jene D. Mason, 45, of Placerville was eastbound in a small pickup truck when he collided with a westbound sedan driven by Peter Heining, 73, of Grizzly Flat, officers said. Mason and Heining were kill-

ed immediately, according to the El Dorado County Coroner's office. A passenger in Heining's car, Russel K. Halterman, 71, of Somerset died of injuries Saturday at 12:33 p.m. at Sacramento Medical Center.

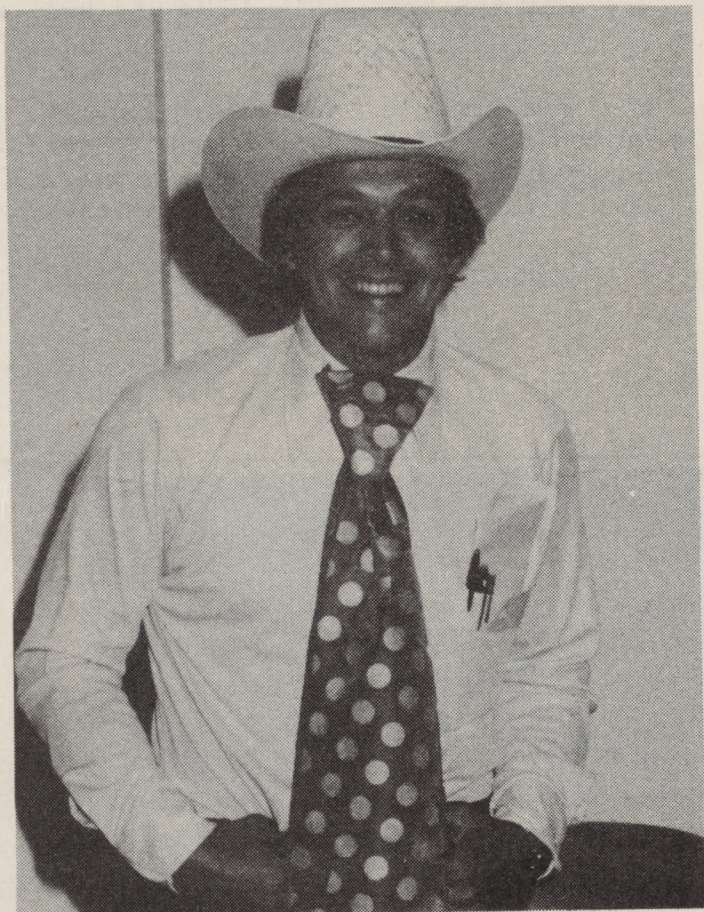
A witness driving behind Mason told California Highway Patrol officers that Mason's truck was weaving badly and did not have its

lights on prior to the 6:30 p.m. crash.

Mason had crossed the center road line by about three feet when the accident occurred, officers said. The witness told officers Mason was going about 40 to 45 miles per hour at the time of the accident. Heining's speed was estimated at 35 to 40 mph by CHP officers.

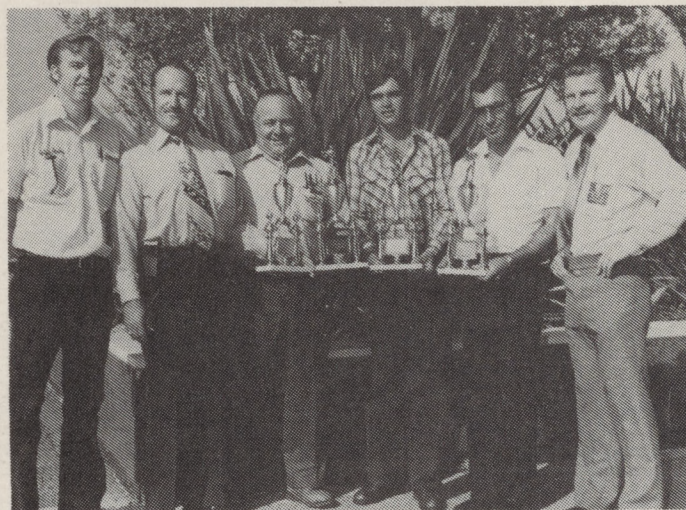
A New *Sept 1977* Superintendent for Lordstown

If you think Ken Souza is wearing a "far-out style", you are correct. This is especially true when you consider Ken was transferred to GMAD Lordstown last month as Superintendent of Body Paint. Actually Ken's "wild western" style is the result of gifts from friends which were presented at a luncheon celebrating his promotion.



Ken came to work for GM in 1959 as a GMI student. While at GMAD Fremont, he was a General Supervisor Methods Engineering, Quality Control Shift Superintendent, and Passenger Paint Shift Superintendent.

Golf Club Awards



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Peter J. Heininge

Peter Jens Heininge, 73, of Grizzly Flat died March 7 as the result of an auto accident. He was born in Denmark and lived 13 years in El Dorado County.

He was a maintenance man for 40 years with General Motors in the Bay Area.

Mr. Heininge was a member of the El Dorado Hiram Masonic Lodge No. 43.

He is survived by his wife, Alice C. Heininge of Grizzly Flat; two sons, George K. Heininge of San Leandro and James P. Heininge of Dale City, Va.; a daughter, Shirley N. Sears of Grove, Okla.; 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A funeral was held yesterday at Memory Chapel. Members of the El Dorado Hiram Lodge and the Rev. Read Chatterton officiated. Private interment followed the service.

Left to right in each of the photos below are George Andrade and Charles Cunningham, Passenger Paint Department, who celebrate 30 years of service. Sharing cake and coffee with their Union Brothers and Sisters, and also showing off their 30-year Service Pins.

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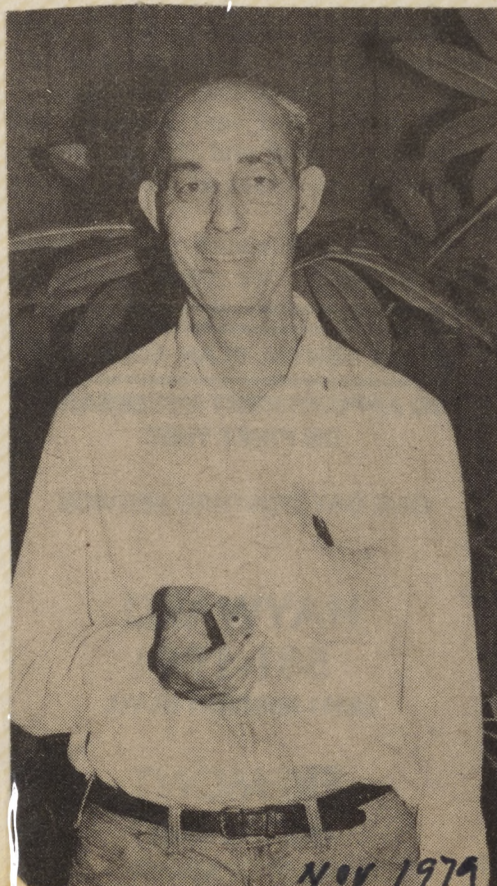
RICH VARGAS
J.T. Abbett, divisional zone

**What wasn't allowed
on Ford assembly line
in 1923**

1. Talking
2. Smoking
3. Sitting
4. Squatting
5. Singing
6. Whistling*

*Smiling was "frowned upon"

Source: World Features Syndicate

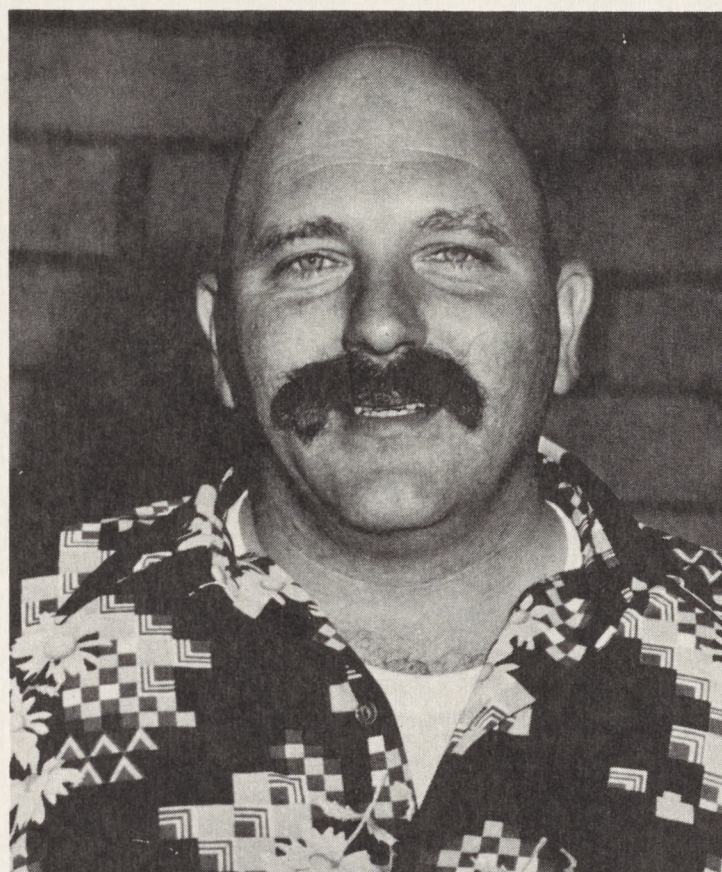


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VOTE
UNITED INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

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TOM (T-BONE) GERDS
Sergeant-at-Arms



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